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The Bartlesville Public School District (Independent School District #30) serves over 6,000 students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The district has six elementary schools serving PreK-5th grade, two middle schools for grades 6-8, and one high school for grades 9-12. www.bps-ok.org

Blankenship named new head football coach for Bartlesville Bruins

Bartlesville, OK. December 18, 2017 – Lee Blankenship has been named the new Head Varsity Football Coach for the Bartlesville Bruins. Coach Blankenship comes to Bartlesville from Beggs Public Schools where he led the Golden Demons to the playoffs in each of his five seasons with two state quarterfinal appearances and a finish this season as the runner-up in Class 3A. Blankenship's first head football coaching job was in Gore Public Schools, where he guided the Gore Pirates to two straight playoff appearances, and at that time he was the youngest head coach in the state. During his coaching career, his teams have combined to average 41 points per game while giving up an average of 16 points per game.

Coach Blankenship started his collegiate football career as a walk-on quarterback at the University of Oklahoma under the tutelage of Bob Stoops and Josh Heupel. He finished his playing career at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma before his first coaching opportunity as Offensive Coordinator at Union Christian Academy in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Ryan Huff, Director of Athletics and Activities, stated, "We are extremely excited to have Coach Lee Blankenship take over the reins of the Bartlesville football program. In his early career Lee has had tremendous success as a head football coach. He brings a lot of energy to his football programs and also a style that I believe will excite the community as we continue to compete with the top teams at the 6A-II level."

The district was gratified to receive 43 applications for the coaching position after it was posted in early November. Multiple rounds of interviews conducted by a committee of district staff, a representative of the Quarterback Club, and parents of current and former players narrowed the field to several highly qualified candidates. After a final round of interviews with district administration, Coach Blankenship received the nod to lead the varsity squad of the Bruins.

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Photo: Lee Blankenship has been named the Head Varsity Football Coach for the Bartlesville Bruins

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